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REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

New claims 6-11 have been introduced. No new matter is added.

Support

Support for the new claims is either obvious, or is as described in the text below. Particularly, support for the stringent hybridization conditions may be found, for example, at page 5, lines 28-32. Support for the recitation of sequence relatedness such as found in claim 6 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 26, line 15 through page 27, line 2. No new matter is added.

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Closing Remarks

The Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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